

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are now pending in the application. Claims 8, 9 and 11 are cancelled. Applicant notes the Examiner has failed to state what grounds claim 7 is rejected under. However, as claim 7 has been cancelled, any rejection as to claim 7 has been rendered moot. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linksys WAP11 Instant Wireless Network Access Point – PracticallyNetworked.com (Tim Higgins, <http://practicallynetworked.com/review.asp?pid=400>”, relevant update 9/1/2001, hereinafter “Higgins”) in view of Tjalldin et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0014497, hereinafter “Tjalldin”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicant notes claim 1 has been amended to include “a conversion module defining two connectors, a first connector interface port adapted to receive the first connector interface cable to receive the first networking signal from the connector interface cable and a second connector interface port for receiving a wireless networking interface card, the conversion module operable to convert the first networking signal into a second networking signal.” Applicant respectfully asserts that at least these features as claimed are not taught nor suggested by either Higgins nor Tjalldin either alone or in combination.

Applicant respectfully asserts Higgins does not mention whatsoever a conversion module which is capable of interfacing a personal computing device through a first

connector interface cable and a first connector interface port to a wireless networking card for connecting the personal computing device to the wireless network via the wireless networking card as claimed. Applicant further notes that Tjalldin does not remedy the shortcomings of Higgins.

Tjalldin appears merely to disclose a bridge for communicating between two wireless networks (see at least [0014]). Tjalldin does not disclose whatsoever interfacing the wireless networks to a personal computing device and further does not mention whatsoever the use of an interface cable to communicate with a conversion module to interface the computing device with a wireless network through a wireless network card as presently claimed. In addition, Applicant notes that to modify the device of Tjalldin to include a connector interface port for a connector interface cable would impermissibly modify Tjalldin, as the primary purpose of Tjalldin is to enable users of the device to connect wirelessly between two different networks. (See at least paragraphs [0014], [0017]).

Accordingly, as neither Higgins nor Tjalldin, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest the invention as called for in claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts claim 1 is patentable for at least these reasons. In addition, as claims 2-6 depend from claim 1, claims 2-6 are also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least these reasons. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higgins in view of Tjalldin, and further in view of Bork et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,633,932, hereinafter “Bork”). As claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled, these rejections have been rendered moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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